

**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-00955-EGS**

DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION v. U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Assigned to: Judge Emmet G. Sullivan  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 04/24/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

**Plaintiff**

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FOUNDATION**

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**Defendant**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
04/24/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5438960) filed by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons, # <u>5</u> Exhibit FOIA Request)(Lewis, John) (Entered: 04/24/2018)
04/24/2018	<u>2</u>	Corporate Disclosure Statement by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Lewis, John) (Entered: 04/24/2018)
04/24/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Emmet G. Sullivan. (zmd) (Entered: 04/25/2018)
04/25/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice and Consent) (zmd) (Entered: 04/25/2018)
04/26/2018	<u>4</u>	STANDING ORDER: The parties are directed to read the attached Standing Order Governing Civil Cases Before Judge Emmet G. Sullivan in its entirety upon receipt. The parties are hereby ORDERED to comply with the directives in the attached Standing Order. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 04/26/18. (Attachment: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1) (mac) (Entered: 04/26/2018)
05/02/2018	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 4/30/2018. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 5/30/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 4/30/2018., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 4/30/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u>

		Declaration)(Lewis, John) (Entered: 05/02/2018)
05/30/2018	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Ehrlich, Stephen) (Entered: 05/30/2018)
05/31/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Plaintiff brings this action pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. The parties are directed to meet and confer and propose a joint scheduling order for further proceedings in this case by no later than June 20, 2018. The parties' joint proposed scheduling order shall address the following: (1) the status of plaintiff's FOIA requests; (2) the anticipated number of documents responsive to plaintiff's FOIA requests; (3) the anticipated date(s) for release of documents responsive to plaintiff's FOIA requests; (4) whether a motion for an Open America stay is likely in this case; (5) whether a Vaughn index will be required in this case; (6) whether this case would benefit from referral to a magistrate judge or the District Court Mediation Program for purposes of settlement; and (7) a proposed briefing schedule for dispositive motions, if applicable. If the parties are unable to agree on a joint recommendation, the joint proposed scheduling order shall include each party's individual recommendations. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on May 31, 2018. (lcegs2) (Entered: 05/31/2018)
06/01/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Scheduling Order due by 6/20/2018. (mac) (Entered: 06/01/2018)
06/20/2018	<u>7</u>	PROPOSED BRIEFING SCHEDULE <i>Joint Proposed Scheduling Order</i> by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Lewis, John) (Entered: 06/20/2018)
08/31/2018	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Lewis, John) (Entered: 08/31/2018)
08/31/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>8</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties are ordered to submit a further joint status report by no later than October 1, 2018. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 8/31/2018. (lcegs2) (Entered: 08/31/2018)
09/04/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/1/2018. (mac) (Entered: 09/04/2018)
10/01/2018	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEMOCRACY FORWARD FOUNDATION. (Lewis, John) (Entered: 10/01/2018)
10/02/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>9</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties are directed to file a further joint status report by no later than December 1, 2018. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 10/2/2018.(lcegs2) (Entered: 10/02/2018)
10/02/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Further Joint Status Report due by 12/1/2018. (mac) (Entered: 10/02/2018)
11/30/2018	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Ehrlich, Stephen) (Entered: 11/30/2018)
01/15/2019	<u>11</u>	Consent MOTION to Stay by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Ehrlich, Stephen) (Entered: 01/15/2019)
01/15/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>11</u> consent motion to stay in light of lapse of appropriations. Defendant is directed to file a joint status report by no later than seven days after Congress has appropriated funds. The status report shall include a recommendation for further proceedings. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 1/15/2019. (lcegs2) (Entered: 01/15/2019)
01/31/2019	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Ehrlich, Stephen) (Entered: 01/31/2019)
02/04/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of <u>12</u> the parties' joint status report, the parties are directed to file a further joint status report by no later than April 1, 2019. Signed by Judge Emmet G. Sullivan on 2/4/2019. (lcegs2) (Entered: 02/04/2019)
02/04/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 4/1/2019. (mac) (Entered: 02/04/2019)
04/01/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Ehrlich, Stephen) (Entered: 04/01/2019)